GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON AIRCONDITIONING PLANTS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ACCOMMODATIONS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration to ban airconditioning plants in the Government buildings and accommodations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the airconditioning plants setup and operating in the Government buildings/Government accommodations are contrubuting in huge administrative expenditure and inflated electricity bills are destablising the budget;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether demand of airconditioning plants in the Government buildings and accommodations is increasing;

(f) if so, whether keeping in view the damage being caused to environment due to airconditioning plants in the Government buildings and accommodations, directions would be issued for limited use of airconditioning plants installed at present; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

(c)&(d): It is true that the expenditure on installation of air-conditioning plants is heavier than for window type air conditioners. Budget for installation and their maintenance of AC plants is provided by the client departments. In buildings having multiple departments/ministries, where electricity bills are paid by CPWD, installation of A/C plants has resulted in increased electricity bills.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f)&(g): Some materials used as refrigerants are harmful to the environment. However in all new airconditioner`s use of environment friendly refrigerants are being encouraged. There is no proposal at present to limit the use of air-conditioning plants.